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To All at the Department of Justice,

I am very disheartened to learn of the DOJ's light handed treatment in regards to the sentencing of a company convicted of so openly breaking the United States' anti-trust laws. Allowing Microsoft to get off with so much as a slap on the hand is a an insult to the American consumer and America's legal system. Yet again, it appears that it only matters who you are and how much money one has when it comes to justice! Microsoft is GUILTY! Allow them to be punished like any other corporation would in the same circumstances!

Recent actions in the bundling of new software applications within the new Windows XP OS even prove Microsoft believes it has no reason to fear the DOJ. Even more, the .net strategy show Microsofts determination to clench a stranglehold on even the internet itself!

Computers are set (if not already) to take over vital functions on a world-wide scale, from air traffic control, to financial and medical database systems. Allowing one platform to control them all will only open invitation to national disaster as one weak link in the software (or infamous hidden "back-doors") will put the American public at the mercy of virus writers and other cyber-terrorists! Case in point: A single flaw in Microsoft server software led to the Nimda virus and other similar attacks which cost industry millions (billions?). Having a wider variety of platform choice would greatly reduce the effect of such an attack, as a terrorist would need much greater resources to compose a virus or strategic attack against multiple computer system types.

At any rate, please reconsider your weak response to the Microsoft conviction. To do otherwise is an injustice and would do nothing but reinforce Microsoft's grip on the world.

Thank you for listening. I know I speak for many others!

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